The List

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Summary: So how does a robot survive their crush towards their human best friend? Some robot would be honest and simply tell how they feel, some other robot would move on and erase that feeling manually if possible. Bender, however, has a list of rules he follows.

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Rule -3+4

Anytime and anywhere when he manages to do something that makes your metal body heat up a little too much and/or malfunction during some process, (and this may cause e.g. forgetting what you were saying) just call him an idiot or something that makes his attention go elsewhere. Even if he isn't the sharpest tool in the shed you do not want to feel paranoid all the time because there still exists a slight possibility that he saw something.

Rule 4-10+8

Make sure that everybody knows (thinks) you are a straight man-bot and extremely proud of it. If today is not the day you're in the mood for hookers or fem-bots in general, because maybe even you have days when you just want to pine over him, steal some money and buy a hooker or two. None of that "do what feels right"-stuff, you will enjoy the company of those poor floozies just fine. If you can't convince yourself that you are 101% straight, you can at least convince others so.

Rule 2•6-9

If you let something stupid out of your mouth, like the simple "I love you" or "you know, I really wanna kiss you right now" do something that distracts him like in the first rule. Oh, and if there are other people around it's maybe best to put up a big show about

something like... Uh... Shoelaces? Anything.

Rule 10+2-8

If you'll ever get yourself in an awkward situation where he sleeps next to you, maybe his hand touching your chest and so on, and you should be sleeping as well but can't because dammit that feels nice, I shouldn't feel like this, remember and repeat this mantra in your head: "This human is disgusting and I think of him only as a friend." Don't say it out loud! It could wake him up and then he would maybe move- uh, I mean, he could wonder why you were saying that.

Rule 15^2-220

There probably will be times when some of your friends says something similar to "stop staring at Fry, you're not even listening" or "you're drawing those little hearts to our company's property again, would you kindly stop" or maybe even "do you have something you haven't told me about" which is the worst of them all. You have to be smart. Use your wit. You can say for example "no, I'm not staring at him, I'm staring at that spot on the wall right next to him", and "no, I'm not drawing hearts, they are... blueprits of some bank I'm gonna rob 2nite", and "yeah, I think I haven't told you how ugly your face is!"

Rule 3(8-12:2)

When you two are alone you sometimes may get an urge to tell him casually as possible that you might "like like" him. But don't even start the sentence you are frantically thinking about. What about your friendship with him? You don't want to lose him, do you? He will never "like like" you back so drown in your sorrow and pain and forget it. It would be freeing to get it off your chest but... Not going to happen. Shut up and enjoy being his friend.

Rule 3.3x=23.1

At some point fail the sixth rule because that's just not something you would do, at least not for a very long period of time, and hope for the best.

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